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WEATHER

Temperatures were near normal. Freezing temperatures were still reported occasionally at night.

Precipitation was light. Amounts were variable throughout the State. One-third to one-half inch seemed to be the most common amounts reported.

CROPS

Nebraska field work progressed well until mid-week when stormy weather, including near blizzard conditions in parts of Nebraska, set in. Farmers and ranchers were hampered by thawing snow and wet field conditions for several days the latter part of the survey period (3/30-4/5/74). Most areas of the State had four days suitable for field work.

Seeding of oats and barley is nearly half complete. Planting of sugar beets is making good progress in the Panhandle. County agents report seedbed preparations for corn, sorghum and soybeans are in full swing.

Winter wheat, alfalfa and wild hay are in good condition. Wheat plants are

stooling. Fields look much better, although frost has caused damage in some areas. Army cutworms continue to be a problem in alfalfa fields. Some areas have heavy infestation.

County agents report soil moisture conditions as generally adequate. Topsoil moisture supplies are short in 16% of counties, 71% adequate and 13% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies are 6% short, 92% adequate, and 2% surplus.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture supplies are 22% short and 78% adequate or better. Weather has been unfavorable for good growth in many areas of the State during the week.

Livestock are generally in good condition. Calving continues at a good rate, and ranchers report little scour problem.

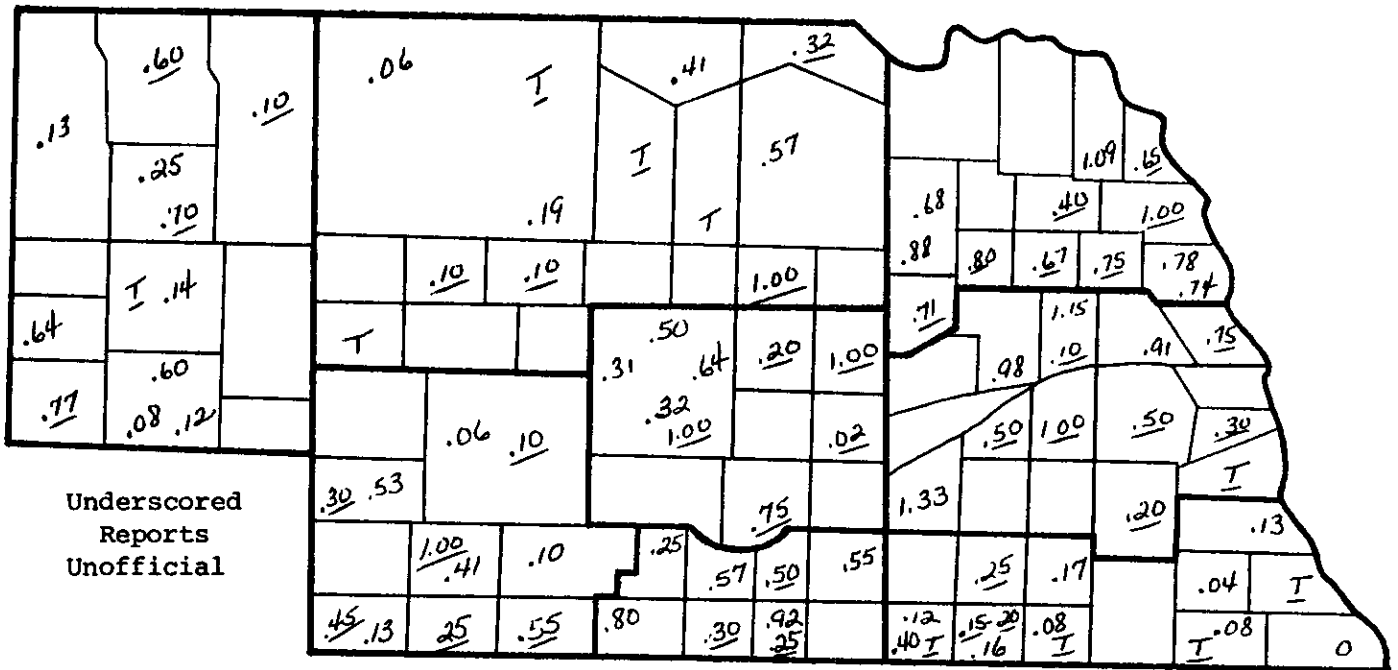
GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Farmers continue to shred stalks, disc, plow, and do other field work as soil and weather conditions permit. They also are applying fertilizer when available and conduct other spring chores.

Precipitation, April 1 - April 5, 1974

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.30	.20	.80	.50	.80	.20	.60	.10
Total since April 1.....	.30	.20	.80	.50	.80	.20	.60	.10
Normal since April 1....	.27	.30	.34	.30	.34	.27	.30	.35

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1974

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	70	17	40	--	.69
	Scottsbluff	70	21	40	-1	.16
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	70	19	40	0	T
NE	Norfolk	70	26	44	+2	.65
	Sioux City	74	26	45	+2	.77
CEN	Grand Island	70	27	46	+2	.80
EC	Lincoln	74	28	46	+1	.15
	Omaha	78	26	47	+1	.40
SW	Imperial	75	23	43	--	.16
	North Platte	73	21	43	+1	.11

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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